

Lincoln, Nebraska  
September 8, 2010

**JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
***MEETING MINUTES***

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The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, September 8, 2010, in room 204, at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

**Members Present:**

Bonnie Brown  
Scott Carlson  
Dave Carver  
Eleanor Devlin  
Lori Griggs  
Anne Hansen  
Jim Harvey  
Joan Huss  
Linda Krutz  
Randy Kohl  
Dennis McChargue  
Deb Minardi  
Terri Nutzman  
Brenda Rohren  
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair  
Julie Scott  
Kathy Seacrest  
Richard Thomas  
Mike Tolley  
Barry Walker  
Mark Weilage  
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

**Members Absent:**

Carol Coussons de Reyes  
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt  
Thomas Glenn  
Kathleen Grant  
Troy Greve  
Scott Helvie  
Dallas Massey  
Mike Overton  
Travis Parker  
Frank Peak  
Bruce Prenda  
T. Hank Robinson  
Dave Wegner

**Public Present**

Kathy Foster

**Council Staff Present:**

Tia Bachman  
Jeff Beaty

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Linda Wittmuss, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V Services and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Attendance is indicated above. Each member introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about their association with JBHC.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Members reviewed the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes.

*A motion was made by Deb Minardi and seconded by Brenda Rohren to approve the June 9, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.*

## **SEX OFFENDER UPDATE**

Deb Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator for Community Corrections Programs, said the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administrative Office of Probation, and Administrative Office of Parole continue to meet concerning sex offender management throughout the state. Priority recommendations are being created for policy, treatment, and community supervision.

Jim Harvey, DHHS, said the Norfolk Regional Center became exclusively for sex offenders in June 2010, with a maximum capacity of 120 people. DHHS has statutory authority to treat sex offenders within the Regional Center, but their authority ends as soon as the offenders are released. Wittmuss noted concern in the lack of community based treatment for persons who are being discharged.

## **JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH GRANT**

Harvey discussed Nebraska's Justice Mental Health Initiative and the Category II: Planning and Implementation Grant. The Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program will increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to services for offenders with mental illness. The project period is from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.

Training is being developed for law enforcement officers that will improve the response to people with mental illness. On October 16, 2009, the Jail Standards Board, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (NCC), approved the adoption of the Jail Screening Questions developed through Nebraska's Justice Mental Health Initiative. Jail diversion programs are in place or are being developed in four out of six regions. Discussion between DCS and the regions will be held to discuss discharge planning for young adults with serious mental illness in Douglas and Lancaster county jails.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION GRANT**

Scott Carlson, Statewide Coordinator for Problem-Solving Courts, Nebraska Supreme Court, discussed Project Safe Start - Nebraska, a partnership between Family Treatment Drug Courts and child/family mental health service providers. Funds will be used to provide evidence based child-parent psychotherapy to approximately 196 child-parent pairs over a four year period.

## **CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Wittmuss gave an update on the Curriculum Sub-Committee. The Performance Rubrics for Addiction and Criminal Justice Professionals (Rubrics) has been reviewed and suggestions made by Mark Weilage, Ph.D., Assistant Behavioral Health Administrator for Mental Health, DCS, and Denny Macomber, Jail Standards Division, NCC.

Dave Carver, Ph.D., Director of Counseling & Student Development, University of Nebraska Medical Center and Board of Psychology, voiced concern about the portion of the Rubrics pertaining to mental health professionals. Dennis McChargue, Ph.D., Associate Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska Lincoln, will review the Rubrics.

Wittmuss said the Curriculum Sub-Committee will meet with the Provider Sub-Committee to discuss the addition of International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) standards and to compare components of the work completed by the Curriculum and Provider Sub-Committees.

A 10 minute break was called by Wittmuss.  
Committee reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

Terri Nutzman left at 10:14 a.m.

## **PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Joan Huss, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), gave the Provider Sub-Committee Report. Minutes from the June 3, July 1, and August 5, 2010 meetings are included in the packet. Huss discussed the *Proposed Standards for Registered Service Providers to treat criminal justice clients*. The proposed standards were created as a response to the additional tasks added to the Provider Sub-Committee charge statement during the June 9, 2010 JBHC meeting.

McChargue noted that training, scope of practice, and years of experience need to be considered when determining competency to treat criminal justice clients. Julie Scott, Justice Treatment Systems Specialist, Probation Administration, said that eventually

online training will be available to obtain the education/skill training required prior to being approved as a Registered Service Provider.

The following was determined for the proposed standards: items one, three, and five were satisfactory; item four is in need of further detail; and comments, ideas, and suggestion for item two should be emailed to Huss prior to the October 7, 2010 Provider Sub-Committee meeting.

#### **DATA SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Data Sub-Committee update is tabled until December 8, 2010.

#### **JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE**

The Juvenile Justice update is tabled until December 8, 2010.

#### **PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Minardi gave an update on Probation Administration. Probation is continuing to collaborate with DHHS on substance abuse issues. Discussion is also occurring on how to expand educational opportunities and/or provide more online training for Registered Providers.

Probation Administration has submitted a grant that would fund co-occurring and mental health evaluations. A decision on the grant is expected to be made at the end of September.

#### **PAROLE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE**

Anne Hansen, Deputy Parole Administrator, gave an update on Parole. Parole has announced it will be doubling the parole population over the next two years.

#### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT**

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Council, gave an update on the activities of the Council since the August 6, 2010 Council meeting. A copy of the minutes is located on the Council website. The next Council meeting will be held at the State Capitol in room 1023 on November 5, 2010.

Mike Dunkle, NCC, continues to head the Research and Evaluation Committee. The committee will look at the outcomes of programs that have been in place for a couple of years. Jeff Beaty, Council, said the Council's Planning Sub-Committee is looking at ways to expand existing community corrections services to the rest of the state.

## **2011 MEETINGS**

March 9, 2011  
June 8, 2011  
September 14, 2011  
December 14, 2011

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The following information on the Standardized Model was sent out to all members via email as requested at the June 9, 2010 meeting:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force Final Report, September 2001, by Denise C. Herz, Ph.D.
- Supreme Court Ruling - Standardized Model for Delivery of Substance Abuse Services
- Transformations in Community Corrections Series Volume 1 Building a Seamless System of Care for Substance Abuse Services in Nebraska: The Implementation of the Standardized Model for Delivery of Substance Abuse Services Executive Summary, Denise C. Herz, Ph.D., October 2007

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room LLB, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, at 11:19 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tia M. Bachman